

## METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR ASSEMBLING GAS TURBINE ENGINE STRUTS

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for installing an expandable stiffener includes providing an assembly including a first sidewall and a second sidewall connected at a leading and trailing edge such that a cavity is defined therebetween, forming an opening extending through the first sidewall and the second sidewall, inserting a first expandable sleeve through the assembly opening such that the sleeve extends between the first and second strut sidewalls, and coupling the sleeve to the first and second sidewalls.